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11. Minister of Industry, Energy, and Mining Daniel Martinez announced to the press on December 29 that Uruguay will participate in the launching of the International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA). Both the Minister and National Director of Energy Ramon Mendez will travel to Bonn, marking Uruguay's status as a founding member of IRENA. Mendez reports that the German Embassy in Montevideo worked closely with the GOU to get Uruguay on board.

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